Special Credit plans for Agriculture Sector

383. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Banks have been asked to draw up special credit plans with a view to achieving a distinct and marked improvement in the flow of credit to agriculture sector in the country by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Public Sector Banks have drawn up such plans;

(d) if not, the banks which have not drawn up such plans and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been asked to draw up Special Agricultural Credit Plans (SACPs) by Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

(b) The disbursement under SACPs were Rs. 8255 crores and Rs. 10172 crores for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively. Governor, RBI has urged the banks to show a growth of 25% over previous year's disbursements during 1996-97.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Credit-Deposit ratio in North-Eastern States

384. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit-deposit ratio in certain states especially in North-Eastern States are very poor as compared to other States;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the ratio in such States?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) in a particular State or region depends not only on the efforts made by the banks but various other factors including the credit absorption capacity, infrasatructural support and overall policy frame work in the State. The CDR of each State including the States in North-Eastern Region is at statement (see below). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had set up Task Forces to ascertain the reasons for low CDR in certain States. In respect of States/Union Territories where CDR was low and at the same time, specific Task Forces were not constituted, the convenor banks of State Level Bankers' Committee were advised to convene special meetings to discuss and take appropriate steps to improve the position. RBI have also reported that as per decisions taken in the Regional Consultative Committee for the North-Eastern Region held on 4.1.1996 at Shillong to, inter-alia, review the credit flow in the seven States of this region, appropriate follow up action has been initiated.

Annexure

Statement

State-wise/Union Territory-wise Credit Deposit Ratios of all Scheduled Commercial Banks as on the Last Friday of March, 1996

State/Union Territory	Credit Deposit Ratio (Percent)
1. Andhra Pradesh	80.3
2. Arunachal Pradesh	10.4
3. Assam	39.3